

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 2

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our community,
TJPS has had a great start to the term. At the front office we have had quite a few Kinders visiting with their writing. It's always amazing how quickly they start to communicate on paper after only a term at school. It may be our wonderful Kinder teachers or that our students are just really enthusiastic. I tend to think it's both!
The last week has not been dull. Many photos of our extra learning opportunities are celebrated in this newsletter.

NAPLAN (national assessment program - literacy and numeracy)

It is nearly NAPLAN time again. Please reassure your children that this is only one test on one day. In schools, this is not the only way we assess children. Triangulation of data and anecdotal feedback by a trained teacher is just as important if not more so.
However, NAPLAN is very useful at a national level to enable governments to plan and budget for support for students as it is our only national data set. At TJPS, it is also useful for us to plan ongoing professional learning for our teaching staff as part of our strategic planning. Our 2020 Annual Report and our 2021-2024 school plan can be found on our website.

Enjoy reading about what has been happening here at school towards the end of last term and the beginning of this term.

Cath Larkman

Author Visit

On 26th and 27th April Alan Sunderland, author of the very special book, *Six Seconds*, featuring our school, visited Stages 2 and 3. Mr Sunderland treated us to his engaging life story and read several extracts from his books. He also informed the classes about the Newcastle Earthquake, the most devastating in Australian history. T.J.P.S thanks Alan for this fascinating experience and wish him luck for further publications.

Audrey L

Please see the four page report at the end of this newsletter.

ANZAC service

On Friday 23rd April, TJPS commemorated ANZAC day. In preparation for this commemorative service all classes made, and decorated paper poppies to make a wreath. On the Friday we had a whole school assembly and had some very special visitors come to speak about their experience in the Australian Defence Force.

After the assembly Maya H's Grandfather visited the Year 6 classes and Mr Gardoll visited the Year 5 classes, to answer any questions we had about their experiences.

We'd like to end with a thank you to all of our very special visitors:

- Retired Leading Seaman, Angie Moore, mother of Mia H in 2A. Ms Moore served 8 years in the Australian Navy
- Retired Captain, Paul Trevillian, who served Australia in Vietnam as a Doctor in the Army
- Retired Corporal, Dan Gardoll, who served in the Australian Army and Britain's Her Majesty's Forces
- Retired Squadron Leader from the Royal Australian Air force, Mr Phil Frawley. Mr Frawley is Bowen F in 3A's grandfather
- Corporal Peter Hedges, grandfather of Maya H, who served Australia in Vietnam in the Australian Army

By Grace G





CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2021

Week 3

Event

Monday, May 3	GRIP Excursion
Wednesday, May 5	Dancefever program-whole school
Thursday, May 6	P&C Mothers Day Stall
Friday, May 7	P&C Mothers Day Stall - Catch Up

Week 4

Event

Monday, May 10 to	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Friday May 14	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Wednesday, May 12	Dancefever program-whole school

Week 5

Event

Monday, May 17 to	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Friday May 21	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Wednesday, May 19	Dancefever program-whole school

DANCEFEVER WELLBEING PROGRAM

The DanceFever MultiSport program for wellbeing has begun at The Junction PS.

Each Wednesday throughout Term 2, students will be learning about social, physical, emotional and mental wellbeing whilst using individual headphones to provide a personal experience eliminating all outside noise and distractions. Whilst a fun exercise, this program will help students to learn how to self regulate and what they can do to calm down.



FISH FARM EXCURSION

On Thursday 18th March, Year 6 went to Bobs Farm and discovered the different types of sustainable hydroponic and aquaponic systems they use at Cookabarra fish farm. Sadly, we had an unfortunate weather change and it spoiled the day with not being able to have lunch at the foreshore. However, we still managed to have a great day learning about hydroponics. Year 5 postponed their visit to Wednesday 31st March and enjoyed some time at the farm and lunch at the foreshore.

By Coco P



GIRLS AFL TRIALS

On Tuesday 20th April, Zadia and Felicity went to the Hunter AFL trials held in Maitland. There were around 40 girls at these trials with only 12 girls being selected for the Hunter team. We were split into three teams and had games against each other. We tried our best but unfortunately neither of us were selected to go to the next stage in Sydney.

By Zadia and Felicity



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

On Friday 23rd April, 26 students represented The Junction Public School at the Newcastle City Zone PSSA Cross Country Carnival. Our students competed against the best runners from 24 schools. As always, it was impressive to see the excellent effort, sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour displayed by our students on the day. Congratulations to all our athletes who represented our school at the Zone Carnival. Imogen and Emile, were successful in qualifying for the Hunter Regional Cross Country Carnival and will be part of the Newcastle City Zone Team to compete at Tocal College on Friday, 28th May. We wish them the best of luck!

Well done The Junction! We are very proud of you all.
Mrs Campey



Part of our contingent of athletes who represented our school on Friday.

GIRLS SCHOOL SOCCER GALA DAY REPORT

Yesterday the girls PSSA soccer team of: Lily, Aja P, Imogen P, Felicity W, Ashley C, Callia V, Lucy K, Mia G, Kahlia F, Zadia A, Hannah L, Zoe B, and Zara B went to Speers Point soccer fields for the first round of the PSSA Knockout. We went up against Hamilton South. It was a hard fought and tight game. We showed great character to come back from 2-0 down at half time and finished the game 3-2 down. Congratulations to Imogen P who scored both our goals.

Although we lost against Hamilton South we were lucky enough to play a friendly game with Waratah in which we won 16 nil with goals to Aja, Ashley, Callia, Felicity, Imogen, Lily, Lucy and Zadia.

BOYS SCHOOL SOCCER GALA DAY REPORT

Yesterday The Junction Boys' soccer team played in a gala day in the first round of the PSSA knockout. The games were held at Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility, Speers Point.

The first match was against Hamilton South Public School. This match was a very tight tussle and it went to extra time with the score being 0-0 at the end of normal time. However with two minutes to go of extra time Hamilton South got a breakaway and scored a goal and won the game 1-0. Well done to all the boys for showing resilience, grit and character.

The second game The Junction played Mayfield West PS. We decided to give some people a greater opportunity. We ended up winning the game 6-0 with goals to Zaac, Gus, Zav, Nick and Curtis. The team consisted of: Zaac, Gus, Zav, Nick, Curtis, Ben, Corbin, Kobe, Riley, Ollie C, Ollie D, Lucas C and Timmy P.
By Zaac and Zav



ROAD SAFETY

We have been made aware that some of our students are riding scooters to school unsupervised. Please be aware that children below the age of ten **do not have fully developed peripheral vision**. This means they could miss danger which is approaching out of their view. Students of this age are also risk takers and not old enough to take the responsibility of riding without immediate adult supervision.

SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

We regularly remind students not to use the school car park gates to enter or leave the school grounds both mornings and afternoons. The car park gates are an 'out of bounds area' for ALL students. Could parents please support this rule by reminding children not to use car park gates to walk through.

We encourage all parents to be mindful of children's safety around the school and ask that students are supervised at all times outside of the school grounds around pick up and drop off times.

CHOIR

If your child is in **Year 2, Year 3 or Year 4** and would like to join Mrs McLeod's Junior Choir, please attend rehearsals in Mrs McLeod's classroom every **Tuesday morning at 8am**.

If your child is in **Year 5 or Year 6** and would like to join the Senior Choir, please attend rehearsals in Mrs McLeod's classroom every **Wednesday morning at 8am**.

Participation in our choir is free!!

K-2 EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations Finn from 2MC on your winning entry in the Easter competition!



NAPLAN – YEARS 3 & 5

This year's NAPLAN online testing will take place during Week's 4 and 5 in Term 2- Monday 10th to Friday 21st May for Years 3 and 5.

Below are the dates that tests will be taking place at The Junction Public School.

Week 4

10.5.21	11.5.21	12.5.21	13.5.21	14.5.21
Final Organisation	Year 3 Writing Year 5 Writing	Year 3 Reading	Year 5 Reading	Year 3 Conventions of Language

Week 5

17.5.21	18.5.21	19.5.21	20.5.21	21.5.21
Year 5 Conventions of Language	Year 3 Numeracy	Year 5 Numeracy	Catch up day 1	Catch up day 2

Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN Testing will occur between 9.30 and 11.00am.

Please contact your child's teacher, if you have any concerns regarding NAPLAN testing this year.

Regards,

Mark Alcock/Amy Blackmore (school NAPLAN co-ordinators)

SCHOOL SECURITY PHONE NUMBER: 1300 880021

Please save this phone number on your phones! Please report any incidents you may see or if you see anyone on our school grounds after hours.

Thank you for keeping our school safe!

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

Money collection for excursions & events

All money will come straight to the office, this includes:- Band fees, School books, Excursion money etc.

There is a "Payments" slot at the front counter in the school office – please post payments in this slot.

For this to work successfully, we ask that any money that is sent into school be in a sealed envelope with your "**Child's name and class**" on the front and details of what event you are paying. The school accepts cash (**exact amount is appreciated - we do not have a float-money is banked every day**), cheque or we have Eftpos facilities in the office. Please note that the school Eftpos facility is only available for school payments and **not P & C – such as the Uniform Shop**. Payments can also be made through the "Make a Payment" tab on the **school website**.

If you use this online option, please make sure you still return your permission note to school.

Absences

Any absence from school must be explained. The Skoolbag App is a great way to advise the school of student absences, or alternatively phone the school, send an email or write a note. Each day at around 10am, the school sends out a SMS alert to parents of anyone who has an unexplained absence for that day. Please refrain from using the Class Dojo to explain absences as the teacher may not be at school or they are on class and unable to read the Dojo message before 10am.

If you are going away and the leave is over (5) school days, you must complete an "EXTENDED LEAVE FORM" from the office prior to your leave.

Late Arrivals / Early Leavers

School hours are from 9am to 3pm. First assembly is at 8.55am. If children arrive later than 9am, parents are requested to accompany them to the office to provide late arrivals information to office staff. A 'Purple Partial Slip' is then taken to the class teacher. Similarly, if children leave early for the day, parents must go to the office and admin staff will call for your child to come up to the office area. Please be aware of early departures in recess break (11am to 11.20am) and the lunch break (1pm to 1.50pm) as it can be quite difficult to locate your child in the playground.

Medication at School

The office is only able to administer 'prescribed medication' to students. This means medication that has been prescribed by a doctor. This medication must be left in the package provided, clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage. If medication is required, a parent will need to come to the office and complete a Medical Deed of Indemnity form. **WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ADMINISTER PANADOL OR NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS.**

UNIFORM SHOP

Second Hand Uniform Donations

The P&C and school have a shortage of storage areas for uniform donations.

At this stage the only donations accepted are bomber jackets, polo fleece jumpers, red polo shirts and black sport shorts.

We are unable to accept donations of white shirts or tunics.

Thank you, Ali (Uniform Shop Coordinator)

Don't forget you can email the Uniform Shop if you require second hand bomber jackets, shorts, tunics.

Email: tjpsuniformshop@gmail.com

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP ORDERING!

Want to place your uniform shop order online? Simply go to www.tjpsuniform.com.

PLEASE ASSIST FOR DELIVERY OF ORDERS BY PUTTING YOUR **CHILD'S NAME** on the order not parent names please.

The School Office has a supply of school hats. **The office can only accept CASH for the sale of these hats.** The office are unable to use the P & C Eftpos machine.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON ALL CLOTHING, DRINK BOTTLES AND LUNCH BOXES PLEASE! ESPECIALLY HATS AND JUMPERS. THANK YOU

COMMUNITY NEWS



Geri Rea (Composer and teacher with 30 years experience in early childhood, published with the AMEB and London Trinity College) will be running piano lessons for beginners during lunchtimes at our school. Lessons are 50 minutes per week for only \$26.85. Students learn to read music for classical and modern piano including chords, in a fun environment. See our website www.gerirea for further details about this fantastic opportunity or contact Geri on 0404905401 for a free trial lesson.

AUTHOR VISIT

ALAN SUNDERLAND

Six Seconds - The Newcastle Earthquake

Journalist, Political Editor, Walkley Award Winner (twice) and CHILDREN'S author, Alan Sunderland's latest book is set in Newcastle with the key protagonist attending TJPS! Key themes scattered throughout the book focus on sandcastle competitions, anxiety in children, the move from primary school to high school and culminate in the Newcastle Earthquake and its impact on our school and community. In celebration of the book release, Alan visited our school this week and spent time with all children from Stage 2 and 3.



Alan talked and read excerpts from his book - focusing on the parts connected to our school and local area. He had pictures of the damaged Workers Club and more specifically, TJPS after the earthquake devastated the main school building. Children were then given time to create a writing piece or drawing linked to what they had learned.

Below showcases some of our children's talent and some discussing their work with the author and their peers.



The air was dusty...
The sky was smoky

Elijah | Blurb-Report:



Sent 1. - I thought it was very exciting because of the imagination Mr Sunderland added to the book!

Sent 2. - I feel like the name Mr Sunderland, I've read some of his books and they're so imaginative with creations of imaginary species!






the homes were all destroyed, cracked walls, an explosion of glass all in a similar or worse state of my own. On some the roofs had collapsed as if it was pored by someone that was 100 meters tall and the strength to match

Blurbe report

Juliet

I thought that the way the book carefully thought and planned was beautiful I loved the way it still kept you intrisiced the way he made each page and chapter ^{have} harmon a cliff hanger and made you want to just read more like when your parents tell you pause the movie when your half way through it.



 We see your love in your Books

We so appreciate your kindness
Mr Sunderland ♡



It was Thursday the 28th of December
I was sitting in my bedroom doing what I loved
to do, reading. It happened so fast. The bed on which I
sat started to shake slowly at first then quicker
until I was almost thrown off things around me
started to vibrate violently instincts took over
and I dashed to the stairs plaster and dust
rained from the ceiling making me cough. I
couldn't see a thing I blindly stumbled to where
the stairs should have been in an effort to
get out. ~~but~~ Glass shattered around me. A crack
plunged down the wall I took my first step
down the stairs, except they weren't there. air
My legs shot out from underneath me. I felt ~~nothing~~
beneath my legs as I plunged down into nothing.

